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**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Sunday, November 3, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 26

Welcoming New Members All Saints Sunday

The Sacrament of Communion

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Plein Jeu

Francois Couperin

***OPENING HYMN:** "Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing"

V223

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We gather at God's table in the beauty of creation.

PEOPLE: We are ready for wonder.

Leader: We gather at God's table in the joy of community.

PEOPLE: We are ready for transformation.

Leader: We gather at God's table in the presence of the Spirit.

ALL: We are ready to worship!**

***LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE ~unison**

Let the rain come and wash away the ancient grudges,
the bitter hatreds held and nurtured over generations.

Let the rain wash away the memory of the hurt, the neglect.

Then let the sun come out and fill the sky with rainbows.

Let the warmth of the sun heal us wherever we are broken.

Let it burn away the fog so that we can see each other clearly.

So that we can see beyond labels, beyond accents, gender or skin
color.

Let the warmth and brightness of the sun melt our selfishness.

So that we can share the joys and feel the sorrows of our neighbors.

And let the light of the sun be so strong that we will see all
people as our neighbors.### Amen.

From A Prayer for the World - Rabbi Harold Kushner

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

P513

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~unison

Holy God, we are often moving too fast to feel amazed. We are too
anxious to feel curious. We are too overwhelmed to feel awe. We
forget the beauty of your blessings. Slow us down, calm us, and
surprise us with wonder.** Amen. ~ silence ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

THE COVENANT OF MEMBERSHIP

Presentation of New Members

*Owning the Covenant

The Congregation's Welcome

We, the members of this Church, most affectionately receive you into our fellowship, and welcome you to our communion. We likewise promise to pray for you, to watch over and help you, and to advocate for your gifts and ministries among us. God grant that loving and being loved, serving and being served, blessing and being blessed, we may be prepared while we dwell together on earth for the perfect fellowship of the saints above.

The Right Hand of Christian Fellowship

Prayer

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Colossians 1:15-23 Page 1342

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

* **HYMN:** “This Is the Day”

Insert

Now in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. For, to begin with, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. Indeed, there have to be factions among you, for only so will it become clear who among you are genuine. When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord's supper. For when the time comes to eat, each of you proceeds to eat your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. What! Do you not have households to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you!

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body eat and drink judgment against themselves. For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

So then, my brothers and sisters, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. If you are hungry, eat at home, so that when you come together, it will not be for your condemnation. About the other things I will give instructions when I come.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: *We Are One in the Lord*

Sung by the Chancel Choir Words & Music by Joseph Martin
Debra Mason, flute

We are one in the spirit of the Lord!

We are one in the spirit of the Lord!

One in the water, one in the Word, we are one in the spirit of Christ,
the Lord! We are one in the spirit of the Lord.

We are one at the table of the Lord.

We are one at the table of the Lord!

Come to the feast and be restored, we are one at the table of Christ, the
Lord! We are one at the table of the Lord!

*In Christ there is no east or west in him no south or north, but one
great fellowship of Love throughout the whole earth. In him shall true
hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden
cord close binding humankind.@@*

Close binding humankind. All humankind!

We are one by the miracle of Grace! We are one by the miracle of
Grace! One in our worship, one in our praise, let us sing of his glory
for all our days! We are one by the miracle of Grace.

We are one in the spirit of the Lord!

We are one in the spirit of the Lord!

One in the water, one in the word, we are one in the spirit of Christ the
Lord! We are one in the spirit of the Lord! Yes, we are one in the Lord!

We are one in the Spirit of the Lord!

MEDITATION: “Holy and Friendly”

Scott Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response

THE OFFERTORY *Amen, Amen, it Shall Be So*

Word and Music by John L. Bell

Sung by the Chancel Choir After Matthew 5:3-10, Beatitudes

Blest are the poor in spirit, the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Blest are the sorrowful, they shall be comforted.

Blest are the gentle, the earth shall be their own.

Antiphon: Amen, amen, it shall be so! Amen, alleluia!

Blest are the hungry for justice, they shall be satisfied.

Blest are the merciful, they shall find mercy shown.

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see their God.

Blest the earth's peacemakers, each one shall be God's child.

Blest are those victimized for doing good, the kingdom of heaven is theirs

Amen, amen it shall be so! Amen, alleluia!

*Doxology

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

insert

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Hymn of Preparation: “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” V468

Invitation and Consecration

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GREETING OF PEACE ~unison

May the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you always!

***CLOSING HYMN:** “O Mighty God, When I Survey in Wonder” Insert

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Dialogo per Organo

Adriano Banchieri

*Those who are able, please stand.

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@@ “*In Christ There Is No East or West*”

Text: John Oxenham

Tune: KINGSFOLD, English melody

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We welcome Sue Cifelli, Gene Kloszewski, and Carol Lasse as they join the Church today!

Scripture Reader is Tim Peiffer. **Greeter** is Beth Anderson.

The flowers this morning are given by Barbara Massey and dedicated in memory of her dad David Diana whose spirit went to heaven 31 years ago. Also they are dedicated to those dear family members and friends for whom we celebrate All Saints Day.



North Haven Congregational Church
Celebrates
Rev. Scott Morrow and Carol Amico
for their 30 years of service

Please join us:

November 17, 2024

9:30 a.m. Worship Service
(guest preacher: The Rev. Lucia Jackson)

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Reception
Carroll Hall - Light lunch

R.S.V.P. to churchoffice@northhavenucc.org or 203-239-5691.

Scott came to North Haven Congregational Church (NHCC) in November of 1994 from the Orange Congregational Church where he was the Associate Minister for five years. While at NHCC, he has become integral to the community supporting organizations beyond our congregation.

Carol is a physician associate specializing in HIV care who has worked at Hospital of St. Raphael, Yale New Haven Hospital, and now Yale School of Medicine. She is active in the chancel choir and the New Haven Chorale.

Their children, Jesse and Amy, grew up in the church and are now living in Brooklyn, New York and Portland, Maine respectively.

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30 YEARS **ANNIVERSARY**

All Saints Remembrance

Marcia Foulds Marcia served as the Church Secretary 1996-1998	November 7 th
Raymond Filip Father of Jackie Jennings, and grandfather of Thomas and Patricia	November 16 th
David DeChello	November 23 rd
Marion Roberts Nancy Mahoney's aunt	November 27 th
Ellen Robert* Ellen was a Heritage Member of the Church	December 8 th
Milo Runtak Cheryl Bogert's brother-in-law	December 23 rd
Eleanor Lianos* Eleanor was a Heritage Member of the Church	December 25 th
Patricia Franco Marlene Bellonio's aunt and godmother	January 14 th
Diane Santanello Jackie Jenning's aunt	January 18 th
Brian Sugrue Father of Heather Mastracchio's friend & colleague	January 25 th
Zane Spiller Father of Denise Adinolfi	January 26 th
Donald Clark Dedicated supporter of Food Drive	January 29 th
Annette Diana Wife of Barbara Massey's cousin Edward Diana	February 28 th
Brent Smith Husband of Ken Welch's cousin Bertha Smith	March 1 st
Marion Cottrell Ken Mahoney's godmother	March 28 th
Ethel Naan Nancy Mahoney's aunt	April 5 th
John Moore Marlene Bellonio's uncle	April 9 th
Donald Mark Peterson Brother of Steven Peterson	June 5 th

David Gould David was a long-time resident of North Haven and a member of the Men's Fellowship	June 18 th
Robert Pearsall Son of Barbara Pearsall	July 18 th
Rev. Walter "Scooter" Pittman Pastor in CT and staff at Silver Lake Conference Center	July 20 th
Kim Harple Kathy Harple's cousin	July 25 th
Sue Paulsen Former Choir Member	Jul 31 st
Barbara Hill, Mother of Michael Hill, Mother-in-law to Carla James Hill.	July 31 st
Hazel Hall Mother of Peter Hall	August 8 th
Lorraine Morehouse* Long-time church member	August 8 th
Barbara Madelung* Long-time church member	August 9 th
Lori Ballantyne Wife of Larry Ballantyne	August 10 th
Paul Hill Father of Michael Hill, Father-in-law to Carla James Hill	August 20 th
Sean Shanley Friend of the Mickolyzck family	August 30 th
Betty Davis Mother of Leslie Dockendorff and grandmother of Chris, Jessica, and John	September 15 th
Daniella Runtak Cheryl Bogert's Great Niece	October 3 rd
Phyllis Kaercher* Long-time church member, wife of Walter Kaercher	October 22 nd

Imagine Together: Vitality

Nicodemus, initially criticized by Jesus, gradually evolves into a vibrant follower. His narrative highlights the importance of spiritual curiosity in maintaining vitality, addressing the tendency for stagnation and fear of change. How could a commitment to curiosity be transformative for us?

The COVID pandemic forced churches to explore new ways of ministry. However, in this post-pandemic moment, many return to familiar patterns of the past. Have we lost our ability to experiment?

The story of Nicodemus serves as a model for gradual transformation, contrasting with more dramatic biblical conversions. As Rev. Dr. S. Chapin Garner notes, “Curiosity led Nicodemus from darkness to light, from ignorance to understanding, from stagnation to vitality. If we want to not only imagine but experience vitality, all we need to do is steward our natural God-given curiosity. Accept invitations. Explore new places. Get to know different people. And when the spirit within us is piqued...trust that prompting is from the Lord, and get excited to not only imagine, but experience, where we will be led!”

Embracing curiosity can be the key to experiencing and maintaining vitality. How can we steward curiosity in our congregation?

CONSIDER YOUR PLEDGE AS A PERCENT OF YOUR MONTHLY INCOME.

Annual Income	Monthly Income	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%
20,000	1,667	33	50	67	83	167
25,000	2,083	42	63	83	104	208
30,000	2,500	50	75	100	125	250
35,000	2,917	58	88	117	146	292
40,000	3,333	67	100	133	167	333
45,000	3,750	75	113	150	188	375
50,000	4,167	83	125	167	208	417
60,000	5,000	100	150	200	250	500
75,000	6,250	125	188	250	313	625
100,000	8,333	167	250	333	417	833
125,000	10,417	208	313	417	521	1042
150,000	12,500	250	375	500	625	1250
200,000	16,667	333	500	667	833	1667

On average, Americans give 2% of their income to charity. Giving even 1% more of annual income to charity would be transformative for our congregation and other organizations doing good in our community.

Imagine Together

Quote of the day:

“God created two people instead of one or three,” Alexis informed her mother, “because they lived in the Garden of Even.”

Church Chuckles

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Urgent Need: Clothing Items for Columbus House

We are asking for donations of new essential clothing items to be given to patrons at Columbus House. We will be collecting new men’s and women’s crew socks, new women’s underwear, sizes 7-12 and new men’s boxer shorts sizes medium-Xlarge. During this Season of Generosity we are asking for your help to supply these basic items for our brothers and sisters. We will be collecting these items during the months of November and December on Sunday mornings. A bin will be placed in the Narthex along side the donation basket for the Food Pantry. Please make a difference in someone’s life. Jesus taught us to love one another and to share and give to those in need.

Thank you. Ministry Leadership Board

TURKEYS NEEDED

The hunger needs in our community have never been greater. In response, the North Haven Lions Club last year established a Second Saturday Service Project at which club members collect non-perishable foodstuffs for the town’s two Food Pantries on the second Saturday of each month (from March to November) in North Haven Congregational Church’s parking lot.

This year, as it has for the past thirty years, the Lions Club has pledged to provide turkeys for the Ecumenical Churches Thanksgiving Food Baskets distribution. The number committed to this year is seventy-five (75). To help accomplish this goal, **the North Haven Lions have expanded their wish list of desired foodstuffs this coming month to include frozen turkeys**, so please consider dropping by the church parking lot on **Saturday, November 9th** to donate a frozen turkey (or two) between the hours of 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. Our club, and our community, will be very thankful you did.

Jim Bennett, President

North Haven Lions Club

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	11/3	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	WORSHIP: All Saints Sunday Confirmation (K)
Monday	11/4	9:30 a.m. 10:30 1:00 p.m. 1:00 4:30	Music Together (Dbl) Music Together (Dbl) Food Pantry Open Retired Federal Employees (CH) Music Together (Dbl)
Tuesday	11/5	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 3:30 5:30 6:00	Al-Anon (CH) Music Together (Dbl) Music Together (Dbl) PLP United Girls Choir (CH, K, Sanct) Girl Scout Troop 60071 (RR) Bible Study (Zoom)
Wednesday	11/6	10:00 a.m. 10:00 5:15 p.m. 6:00 7:00	FOOD PANTRY Music Together (Dbl) COMMUNICATIONS (Zoom) Leos Club (CH) Lions Club (CH)
Thursday	11/7	2:30 p.m. 4:30 5:30 6:30 7:00	FOOD COUNCIL (L) Music Together (Dbl) Girl Scout Troop 60151 (K) Mothers of Twins (CH) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	11/8	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 7:00 p.m.	Music Together (Dbl) FOOD PANTRY Music Together (Dbl) Danish Brotherhood (K)
Saturday	11/9	8:00 a.m. 9:00 9:30 10:30	FALL CLEAN-UP Food Delivery - Boy Scouts Music Together (Dbl) Music Together (Dbl)
Sunday	11/10	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP: 25 th Sunday after Pentecost

*Small print indicates non-Church function
Bold print starts new day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Onna Gott 11/04, Samuel Gott 11/04, Eliza Stewart 11/05, Jason Petrucci 11/05, Gary Snowbeck 11/07, Bette DeMayo 11/08, Cheryl Solecki 11/08, Peter Hall 11/08, Harper Mickolyzck 11/08, Max Scoppetto 11/09, Annette Grant 11/10.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Carmen & Melissa DeLuca 11/09, William & Mary Ellen Adams 11/10.

*OPENING HYMN: "Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing"

V223

G C Am D G D7 G



1 E - ter - nal, Un - chang - ing, we sing to your praise:
2 A - gain we re - joice in the world you have made,
3 We praise you for Je - sus, our Mas - ter and Lord,



G C Am D G D7 G

your mer - cies are end - less, and righ - teous your ways;
your might - y cre - a - tion in beau - ty ar - rayed,
the might of his Spir - it, the truth of his word,



G D G (Em) D G D

your ser - vants pro - claim the re - nown of your name
we thank you for life, and we praise you for joy,
his com - fort in sor - row, his pa - tience in pain,



G C Am D G D7 G



who rules ov - er all and is ev - er the same.
for love and for hope that no power can de - stroy.
the faith sure and stead - fast that Je - sus shall reign.



* HYMN: "This Is the Day"

Insert

Unison
Eb

Bb7

1 This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our
 2 This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, Je - sus
 3 This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came, when the

Eb

God has made; we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be
 rose a - gain; we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be
 Spir - it came; we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be

Ab

Eb

Ab

glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will re-joyce and be
 glad in it. This is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, we will re-joyce and be
 glad in it. This is the day when the Spir - it came, we will re-joyce and be

Eb

Eb/Bb Bb7

Eb

glad in it; This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.
 glad in it; This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain.
 glad in it; This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came.

***CLOSING HYMN: "O Mighty God, When I Survey in Wonder" Insert**

1 O might-y God, when I sur-vey in won - der the world that
 2 When your voice speaks in rolls of thun-der peal - ing, your light-ning
 3 The Bi - ble tells the sto - ry of your bless - ing so free - ly
 4 And when, at last, the clouds of doubt dis - pers - ing, you will re -

formed when once the word you said, The strands of life all wo-ven close to -
 pow - er bursts in bright sur - prise; When cool - ing rain, your gen - tle love re -
 shed up - on all hu - man life; Your con - stant mer - cy, ev - ery care ad -
 veal what we but dim - ly see; With trum - pet call, our great re - birth an -

Refrain

geth - er, the whole cre - a - tion at your ta - ble fed,
 veal - ing, re - flects your prom - ise, arc - ing through the skies, (1-3) My soul cries
 dress - ing, re - liev - ing bur - dened souls from sin and strife.
 nounc - ing, we shall re - join you for e - ter - ni - ty, (4) Then we will

out in songs of praise to you, O might-y God! O might-y God! My soul cries
 sing your praise for - ev - er more, O might-y God! O might-y God! Then we will

out in songs of praise to you, O might-y God! O might-y God!
 sing your praise for - ev - er - more, O might-y God! O might-y God!

In Our Prayers This Week are: Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Meg Adams, Herb & Ann Schneider, and Sarah.

MISSION

Our church's mission is to bind ourselves with Jesus Christ in:

- Worship together;
- Nurture of Christian discipleship; and
- Compassionate service to our community and beyond.

VISION

We are a hub for the larger community as a church of action:

- Conducting regular, robust worship in a responsible and relevant way in an ever changing and challenging world;
- Welcoming all people from different and diverse backgrounds to become a community of disciples together; and
- Involved in purposeful action and activities through the structure of self-directed Mission Teams.

VALUES

We:

- Pray together, encourage each other, and trust one another;
- Take personal responsibility for fellowship and our community; and
- Celebrate with honored traditions.

Church Staff: All the Members, Ministers to the World
The Reverend Scott G. Morrow, Senior Pastor
Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children
Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music
Heather Meachen, Organist
Julie Schweickert, Office Manager
Dave Nelson, Sexton